

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-18, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

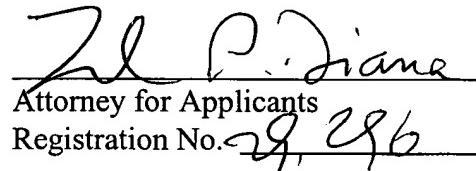
REMARKS

This application is a divisional of application no. 09/128,538, filed on August 4, 1998. Claims 19-27 are pending, Claims 1-18 having been canceled. Claims 19-22 and 25 are in independent form.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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